



JIM MERRITT

Your State Senator

Senate District 31



Elected	Indiana State Senate 1990-present
Leadership	Majority Caucus Chairman
Political Affiliation	Republican
Standing Committees	Appointments and Claims, Chair Elections and Civic Affairs Civic Affairs Subcommittee, Chair Homeland Security, Utilities, and Public Policy, Ranking Member Public Safety Subcommittee Commerce and Transportation
Civic Activities	Member, Fairview Presbyterian Church Board of Advisors, Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association Member, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Member, Association of Indiana Museums Member, Board of Directors, Friends of the Indiana Archives Board Member, Indiana War Memorials Foundation Author, Passing the Torch: Preserving Indiana's Heritage Founder, Reaching Parents in Crisis Task Force
Honors and Awards	2001 Legislator of the Year, National Republican Legislators Association 1996 Youth Advocacy, Association of Child/Adolescent Psychiatric Nurses 1994 Toll Fellow, Council of State Governments 1994 Program for Emerging Leaders, Darden School of Business Administration, University of Virginia 1990 Highest Award for Achievement, Dale Carnegie Course 1987 Lawrence Township Republican of the Year
Education	Indiana University (B.A.) Political Science
Occupation	President, Circle Financial Corp.
Personal	Married, Kelley: two daughters, one son
Counties served	Marion County

Senate Facts

Key information about the Indiana Senate

Membership: 50

Elected by: Voters of each district

Term of Office: State senators are elected to four-year terms. These terms are staggered in such a way that half of the 50 seats are subject to election every two years.

Qualifications: U.S. citizen; resident of Indiana for at least two years before the election; resident of the district for one year prior to the election; at least 25 years of age.

Salary: \$11,600 annually

Presiding Officer: It is the constitutional duty of the lieutenant governor to serve as president of the Senate.

Session Length: Session commences the Tuesday after the second Monday in January each year, unless a different day or place is appointed by law. In odd-numbered years, session must adjourn no later than April 29. In even-numbered years, session must adjourn no later than March 13.

Administration: The Legislative Council is composed of 16 legislators, eight from the House of Representatives and eight from the Senate. The chairman rotates annually between the speaker of the House and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Council members set policy for interim activities, recommend rule changes, authorize studies and study committees, and review and supervise expenditures.

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This map is a visual representation of the district and is only for reference purposes. For a detailed description of this district, consult the Indiana Code.

